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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6605**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1137

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 28, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 27, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Extra Heavy Duty Highways.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Stevenson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **X FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill provides that certain sections of Highway 912 in East Chicago are designated as extra heavy duty highways, and that the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a special weight permit on the highways may not exceed 264,000 pounds. The bill makes corresponding changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will have to upgrade Highway 912 from an extra heavy duty highway to accommodate 264,000 pounds. [LSA is awaiting construction cost estimates at this time.]

(Revised) **Background:** Under current law, the legislature designates extra heavy duty highways that carry a maximum combined vehicle weight of 134,000 pounds. The bill would require the redesigned route of Highway 912 from Riley Road to a point 4,050 feet southeast of Riley Road to carry up to 264,000 pounds.

The state has redesigned the route of Highway 912 across a bridge between Dickey Road and Riley Road. These roads were relinquished by the city of East Chicago to the state for this purpose. The bridge can handle the 134,000-pound Michigan Train-permitted loads. It is on schedule for retrofits within the next couple of years, but these retrofits are not the result of making the road an extra heavy duty highway.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) The bill requires a special permit for a combined vehicle weight between 80,000 and 264,000 pounds. The maximum special permitted weight under current law is 134,000

pounds. A special vehicle permit includes both a permit fee and a mileage fee. A truck with a combined vehicle weight of between 134,000 and 264,000 pounds would pay an additional \$0.40 per mile for the mileage fee and any additional revenue would be based on the miles traveled. Revenue from the special vehicle permit is deposited in the State Highway Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** INDOT.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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